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Re: Status of Documents and Interviews Requested from Premera

Dear Jim:

This letter responds to your request for details on data and interviews that have been requested from Premera but have not yet been provided, and the effect of not having the information on the preparation of our preliminary report. The requests that the AGO antitrust team currently has outstanding are:

- 1. A request for documents concerning Premera's pricing that were referred to in a document that Premera provided to the consultants about 10 days ago; and
- 2. Requests for interviews on topics concerning pricing, underwriting, marketing, and provider contracting, following up on our preliminary analysis of the market data that we received in late February.

If we were forced to submit a preliminary report without having these documents and interviews, we would have to make various assumptions that may not be accurate about the data, documents, and interview information that we would use in the report.

Sincerely, /s/ JOHN R. ELLIS Special Assistant Attorney General Antitrust Division 206-464-6818